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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS AGAIN ASKING WHEN THE NAS INTENDS TO NEGOTIATE THE 1978 PROGRAM UNDER THE INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NAS PRESIDENT HANDLER MAY HAVE TAKEN THE FIRM POSITION THAT THE 1978 PROGRAM WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED UNTIL THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. THIS WAS DISCUSSED BY FRANK PRESS AND THE AMBASSADOR DURING HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS HANDLER'S POSITION; IT WILL HELP IN OUR REPORTING AND HANDLING FURTHER QUERIES FROM THE SOVIETS.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM DALE MCCARREN OF RADIO STATION WBBM IN CHICAGO ASKING FOR MEETING DURING PERIOD MARCH 30-APRIL 2 WHILE MCCARREN WILL BE IN MOSCOW WITH GROUP FROM CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. REQUEST YOU CALL MCCARREN (AREA CODE 312, PHONE 944-6000) AND INFORM HIM THAT AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM DEFINITE COMMITMENT. HE SHOULD
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CALL RAY BENSON OR JACK HARROD WHEN HE GETS TO MOSCOW AND THEY WILL SEE WHAT CAN BE WORKED OUT. IN ANY CASE, MCCARREN IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND AMBASSADOR'S REGULAR WEEKLY BACKGROUND RPT BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR RESIDENT U.S. NEWSMEN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. TOON

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